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SUBJECT

~~District Magistrate's report~~
on the celebration of the 54th Birthday
of Gandhi and the proceeds delivered by
Mr. Pshina Rao containing the comparison
between the District Magistrate & the Police with the Sanjiv Maheshwari

Confidential.

No. J.C. 700/21-22.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District.

Dated Bangalore, 5th Oct. 1923.

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Dear Sir,

I submit herewith for information a copy of report No. 15 dated 3rd October 1923 from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, together with a copy of its enclosure. The reference in the speech of Mr. Bhima Rao, the President of the Congress Committee to 2½ Ghattikas is evidently an allusion to the fact that the order under Section 144 Criminal Procedure Code has not been followed by an order for the suppression of the organization.

Yours sincerely,

*Reference for perusal. In
the meeting has commenced
for public meeting again*

B. Subbarao

K. Matthan, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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To

The District Magistrate,
Bangalore.

Submitted.

In continuation of my confidential report No.14 dated 1st October 1923 I beg to report that arrangements had been made to watch the proceedings of the Congress Committee. The enclosed is the abstract report of the proceedings submitted by Inspector Mr.K.Purnachar and Sub Inspector B.S.Sadasiva Rao.

The speech of Chairman Mr. Bhima Rao, President of the Congress Committee ~~is~~ in comparing the District Magistrate and the Police with the "Sani Mahatme" in an allusion given by him in his speech with reference to the issue of the recent prohibitive judicial order of the District Magistrate under Section 144 C.P.C. is in my opinion highly objectionable. Such lecturese of this political body go to create hatred and contempt towards the Government authorities as rightly remarked by the District Magistrate in the order of prohibition that these public political meetings tend to the undermining of respect for law and order and constituted authority and thus I say that they cause more mischief than any good to the country.

I suppose these people will bring the same lame excuse as before stating that the report is inaaccurate being not that of a Stenographer. Their speeches were in Kanada. Two Police Officers of responsible rank have heard the speeches and reproduced them.

I respectfully request therefore that the Congress Committee President be kindly ~~be~~ advised to desist from making such speeches in future and beg that suitable other steps may kindly be taken in the matter to prevent such recurrences.

30-10-1923.

Sd. K.Mahamad Hussain.
Assistant Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore City.

Encl.

Submitted.

The District Congress Committee celebrated the 54th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi this evening at 6 P.M. The national and Khilafat flags with Gandhi's photo were brought in procession from the Congress Office to the maidan near the Ophthalmic Hospital, where about 200 people assembled. After the usual invocation, the present Secretary Mr. H. V. Subramanyam proposed Mr. J. Bhima Rao to the Chair and spoke for a few minutes explaining that there will not be elaborate proceedings as news were received of the death of late Dewan and a member of the Royal family Sirdar Sir M. Kantaraja Urs. Read a resolution of the Congress Committee that they would confine themselves only to the constructive programme of the Congress work and closed his speech by appealing for funds and more volunteers. Mr. Gundu Rao then spoke a few words about the greatness of Mahatma Gandhi and his family and about the use of Khaddar. Mr. Shamanna then said that the temporary stopping of the Congress activities in public gave them time to do some solid work to the Congress which they were not able to do from a long time, that they had a number of meetings in their office, that they summoned a number of influential members to the Committee, that they ~~had~~ celebrated the annual meeting which had not been done last year and he compared this stopping to the Kannambadi dam saying that this afforded facility to gather more strength and ability to spread Congress activities in different directions. He referred to the action of the Police in stopping the procession on the 18th instant and said that they had also taken part in their visit to the temple to offer prayers and that both the Police and the Congress Committee were serving the country but in different directions, which would meet in ~~end~~ the end. Mr. Sharma then addressed for a short time stating that Mr. Gandhi is a great Vibhuti (*தெய்வ திருவிழா*) that the qualities of the five elements (*ஐந்தெலும்பு*) of which he is composed of viz. Patience, unity or brotherhood, knowledge

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or power, purity and self renunciation were supreme and the public should strive their best to cultivate those qualities and that he is doing penance for the welfare of the world amidst the four walls of the prison, the birth place of Sri Krishna. Mr. Bhima Rao expressed condolence on behalf of the Congress Committee for the death of Sirdar Sir M. Kantharaj-Urs and Mr. Govinda Rao Vyaligi one of the active members of Dharwar Congress Committee; and ~~there~~ then referred to the action of the Police and the District Magistrate to the evil influence and action of Sani (శని) in Sani Mahatme (శని మహాత్మి) and gave out the story as to how Sani wantonly brought the innocent sage Vasista into trouble in the short period of 2½ Ghatikas given to him comparing the Congress Committee to innocent sage "Vasista" and the action of the Police and the District Magistrate to Sani and his actions in the brief period of 2½ months mentioned that the meeting on the 18th July 1923 was held in Rameswara temple instead of in the maidan and this (శని) Sani came there also and did his work even in the presence of Rama just as Manthara (మంథరి) had her evil influence over Kaikeyee in the presence of Rama himself and concluded by saying that Sani was in the 12th house to the Congress Committee and that it was his influence that brought these misfortunes to the Committee etc. Mr. Bhima Rao's speech especially the odious comparsion of the action of the Government to that of Sani was on the whole highly insulting and provoking. It p^oo^oed or belittled the action of Government in the eyes of the public. The audience clapped their hands at every point of comparsion and laughed at the mufti Police who were watching the proceedings. He was clearly out of bounds of the constructive programme of the Congress Committee which was professed to be followed exclusively at the beginning of the proceedings.

The meeting began at about 6.15 P.M. and closed at about 7 P.M.

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and the photo was taken back to the Congress Office in the usual procession.

2-10-1923.
9 P.M.

Sd. K. Purnachar.
C. Division Inspector.

Sd. B.S. Sadasiva Rao.
Sub Inspector.

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District Magistrate, Bangalore District.
